

NATIONAL LICENSING FORUM

The National Licensing Forum was a short-life Ministerial and Advisory Group. It was established on an interim basis for no more than two years to offer advice on related aspects of the new alcohol licensing regime for Scotland within the framework proposed by the Licensing (Scotland) Bill 2005.

Its remit is set out below:-

- to offer advice and guidance to Ministers on the following key issues:-
 - the development of a personal specification, remit, qualifications and job description for Licensing Standards Officers (LSO);
 - the process for accreditation and detail of nationally recognised training schemes for all mandatory training specified in the Bill; and
 - the implementation of over provision assessments by Licensing Boards.
- contribute to, and consider drafts of the statutory guidance to be provided by Ministers under Section 133 of the Licensing (Scotland) Bill; and
- to offer advice on any other issues which are brought to the table.

It's membership consisted of:-

- Chief Executive, Perth and Kinross Association of Voluntary Service;
- Scottish Intercollegiate Group;
- South Ayrshire Licensing Board;
- Aberdeen City Licensing Board;
- Solicitor, Hill Brown Licensing and Editor of Scottish Licensing Law and Practice;
- Lothian and Borders Police;
- Head of British Institute of In keeping (Scottish Office);
- Scottish Grocers Federation;
- Chief Executive, Alcohol Focus Scotland;
- Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation;
- Depute Clerk to Edinburgh Licensing Board; and
- Chief Executive, Castle Leisure Group.

Corresponding Members also received copies of Agendas, papers and Minutes with the right to comment at any time.

The National Forum met between 4 July 2005 and 18 April 2006.

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